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To all Kansas state employees:

The first week in May is Public Service Recognition Week, a time set aside to recognize the contributions of public employees and the value they bring to our cities, counties, state, nation and even world. Each of us who works in state government is privileged to serve the people of Kansas. We choose a career in public service to make our communities safer, healthier and more prosperous, by expanding opportunity for our fellow Kansans and creating a nurturing and pleasant environment where families live and thrive.

Public employees do their jobs so well that we do not often stop to think about the considerable impact their work has on our lives. Public employees build bridges, inspect food, enforce standards in nursing homes, maintain and improve parks, educate children and adults, create jobs, advance science and care for their fellow neighbors in need.

In honor of Public Employee Recognition week, I'm pleased to announce that several STAR (State Thanks & Recognition Employee Discount Program) vendors are offering you enhanced discounts from April 29, 2006 – May 7, 2006. These discounts provide an additional opportunity to show appreciation to State employees for your good work and the dedicated service that you provide throughout the year.

For detailed information on these special offers, including flyers and coupons, go to www.kansas.gov/employee and click on the "Special Business Discounts" link or go directly to the STAR website at www.da.state.ks.us/star/ click on the "Discounts" link and click on the "Click here" link listed on the left side of the page.

I am honored to stand alongside the many public service employees throughout Kansas. To all public employees, on behalf of all Kansans, please accept my appreciation for your dedication and commitment to public service.

Thank you again for your hard work on behalf of the people of Kansas.

Sincerely,

Governor Kathleen Sebelius